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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MICHIGAN.

It is reported that there is a defalcation of over \$30,000 in the accounts of Wm. L. Gibson, recently displaced from the position of auditor of state by the Legislature. Not only is this a loss to the state, but it is understood that the defalcation extends over a considerable period. Mr. Gibson has always held the highest confidence of the community.

The large frame barn filled with hay and wheat, and the sheds adjoining, with the stocks of wheat near by, on the premises of Nelson Bloes in Charlevoix, were burned Tuesday evening. The loss is from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Anthony Eno was shocked to death while eating meat at Athens, Calhoun county, on the 4th.

For several months a suit has been pending against H. H. Brown, a leading lawyer of Bay City, charged with having conspired with James W. Pyle, a wealthy citizen, to kill James F. Gilmore, a wealthy citizen. The evidence failed to sustain the charge and Brown was discharged. Now Brown has commenced proceedings against Pyle in the circuit court for libel, damages being laid at \$25,000. The case is set for trial at the September term of the circuit court.

The Board of State Auditors after taking the two weeks peremptory by law, examined the accounts of the various state contractors, have finally awarded the printing for 1880-81 to W. S. George & Co. The prices on the principal classes of work are 40 cents per thousand pages for composition on laws, 58 cents on journals, documents, reports, etc.; 20 cents on bills and resolutions; 16 cents on printed and corrected bills; 20 cents per 1,000 briefs; 33 cents per page; press-work, per form, 30 cents per token for five tokens or less; and 26 cents for more than five tokens. There will be 13 other bids.

The 14th annual reunion of the Twentieth Michigan Infantry is to be held in Marshall October 3.

The daily whitefish catch on Lake Superior, at this time aggregates about 60 tons, which is mostly shipped away.

Mrs. Martha Van Cauden was killed at Drayton on Oct. 1st, in the 7th year of her marriage on the railroad track.

Simon Sharow, an old citizen of East Tawas, committed suicide on the 8th by drowning himself in a well near his home.

John Cardenist is at present living in Dexter, but soon expects to join a travelling company for exhibition purposes. He is 45 years old and 28 inches high.

Wolves are quite numerous in Springfield, Kalkaska county. A pack of seven drove a man up a recentley near Peter's camp, and others have been seen chasing him.

A little twelve year old son of Lafayette Fletcher, at Hartford, Van Buren county, while driving bread wagon, a freight train at that place on the 4th fell between the car and was killed.

Phillip, wife of Maxim Binget, died at Grand Rapids, Saturday, aged about 72. She came there with the early French settlers from Montreal in 1835 and had lived there ever since.

A large barn belonging to the estate of the late J. C. Denison, just outside of Grand Rapids on the north, was destroyed by an incendiary fire Sunday with all its contents, except the horses. Total loss, three thousand dollars.

The body of Cornelius Mahony of Kalamazoo, who had been in Rockford Saturday, 18, was found dead there Sunday. There were no signs of foul play. The coroner's verdict was, drowned while intoxicated.

Nelson Savage, who escaped from the State House of Correction at Ionia on Thursday of last week, was captured by three officers from Adrian at midnight Sunday just as he reached his home in Ridgeway. He was sent from that place to the State prison at Angola, where he is to serve his sentence.

C. V. Van Winkle, an old and respected citizen of Tuscola county, died Sunday at the residence of his son, Flint, at 63 years.

There was a monstrous yellow rat-tail snake, 13 feet long, wearing 27 rattles, killed in Fawn River, St. Joseph county, July 30. There was found in the serpent's stomach 22 frogs and toads, 3 spring chickens and about a dozen small birds.

The store, stock, dwelling and barn of Wm. Engle of Parma, Huron county, were destroyed on the tenths. Loss \$7,000; insurance \$3,000.

The day was the 20th anniversary of the discovery of Lake St. Clair, by Robert Cavalier leSieur de la Salle, commander of the Griffon, the first sailing vessel that ascended the Detroit river, and the day was appropriately celebrated at Gross Point by a race, the delivery of a historical address, a belated picnic, a poetical recitation, G. V. N. Lothrop presided, and a dozen people were present.

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With the Stream.

A blue, blue sky and clear, clear stream,
And a tiny fairy boat,
And still in the sunshine I dream, I dream,
Whilst down with the stream we float.
Plashing, drifting, away, away,
On the river's buoyant breast;
That ripples red to the dying day
While the sun-dial slopes to the West.
Hailing, falling, slow on the swell,
All the water-lies shake,
And the water-lies catch silver shell,
Glancing, gliding, through the bright wave,
Flashes and gleams our glow,
Stirring the calm blue 'deeps that have
The tall cliff's storm-beat blow.

Silent we drift, and the still air beat
With a pulsing thrill of life,
Keeping time to measured fay of feet
And the spirit-music's strife
Lightness winged
Of the West wind's bounding kiss,
Magic music of gold hairs strung
In Titania's realm of biles.

Glamours is in the air to day,
Spelling this soul of mine,
Lighting the waves that round us play,
Fairy lily-cup on 'tream afloat
Is the haunt of a fly at noon,
And the waves that sparkle around our boat
Drift low to charmed tune.

Driftings, and now in the umbred shadow,
Where the beeches, o'erhangin' about
the light;

And now by the slopes of the gold-green
meadow,
Where the flood of the sunshine is broad
And bright,

And sometimes the sunlight falls faintly,
And sometimes the shadows are half of
gold.

Mixed and mingled and broidered quaintly,
With buds and blossoms to lace each fold,
Nature's garments—can any match them?
Man's skill is poor to herunning hand;

Strivings to fashion we only patch them,
Those robes she casts o'er the Summer
land,
Driftings, and still as we drift, a dreamin',
With the wash of the waywinds for inflab,
With the last rose-rays o'er my bent head
streamin',

Whilst the sun hangs low in a chrysotile
sky.

UNDER FALSE COLORS.

Having lighted the lamps and drawn the curtains still more closely as if to shut out the influence of the blustering snowy evening, Hannah (the housekeeper) quietly withdrew from the luxurious sitting room leaving Judge Hartley and his son Harry at liberty to enjoy the time according to their own inclinations, which judging from past observations, would be a very quiet, unadorned manner, indicating that over the sunshine of that home a gloomy and pale-like shadow had been cast.

The eldest Mr. Hartley was a gentle-man a little past middle age, with a pleasant, benevolent-looking countenance, expressive of the comfort and ease with which he had for many years been surrounded, while his dark brown hair, slightly intermingled with gray, gave him an air of dignity and self-respect. Almost buried in the soft cushions of his great, easy chair, apparently absorbed in thought, he occasionally turned to the window, watching a sort of meditative mood; finally, summoning up his courage with a sort of desperation, he said:

"Harry, in all the lonely months have you never thought how much pleasanter our home would be with a woman in the house—one who would meet us with a glad smile of welcome, after the daily care and perplexities of business—one whose cheerful presence would brighten our home, which has seemed so desolate since your mother's death?"

"Is it possible?" thought Harry, "that my father intends bringing a stranger into the family, expecting he can find one who will in any possible manner fill my mother's place?"

And then, in a thought, how rapidly did he recall the time, only two short years ago, when just before college commencement, which was to be the last of his school life, he had received a dispatch announcing his mother's illness and desiring his immediate presence home; and how few were the days of anxious watching ere that day, that country from whence no traveler returned."

Rousing himself from his thoughts, he became aware that his father was expecting a reply; but what should he say?

"Really, sir," he began, "there is a strange quietness about our present manner of living; yet it has never occurred to me that you could find it in your heart to give into the hands of a stranger the position so long and so well filled by your dear mother, and—"

"No, no, my son!" exclaimed his father. "That cannot be; I was not speaking for myself, but for you; most young men of your age have some ideas of their own in regard to choosing a wife without waiting until his father's loneliness prompts his advice."

"Oh!" resumed Harry, "I— I did not understand your meaning; I may have had some thoughts on the subject, but certainly no very serious ones; I will bear your advice in mind; however, and possibly I may take advantage of it."

How readily we observe the sudden revolutions in the feelings of the young gentleman, when, from his father's explanation, he became aware of the fact that the future inmate of the house was to be known as Mrs. Harry Hartley instead of Mrs. Judge Hartley. But such is the selfishness of human nature; and we think he was more excusable in his willingness to partake of the first slice of the matrimonial loaf than many who in various ways exhibit that as most universally prevailing propensity of mankind, selfishness; for in his objection to having his mother supplanted by a stranger, he was entirely governed by filial affection.

That night, after retiring to his own room, Harry Hartley seated himself near a table, upon which he rested an elbow, and bowing his head upon his hand, commenced a soliloquy very much after this style:

If a man becomes tired of single blessedness, he is at liberty at any time to look about him for a companion; but if, once entangled in the matrimonial noose, there he must remain, for better or for worse. The best advice to be given is, "Look before you leap;" that's my motto. Well, my wife must be passably good-looking, gentle, refined, intelligent, affectionate, charitable and kind; I need not add wealthy, since, in the matter of money, I have sufficient for both. But how am I to know when F meet with a lady possessing the desired qualities? For whenever I see any of my lady acquaintances, I find them the embodiment of smiling loveliness and amiability; but they are always the same? That's the question! There are several who stand favorable in my estimation—two, particularly so—Fanny Leigh and Nellie Maxwell, cousins, and very much alike in looks and manner. But are they

like in principles? And how pure are their principles? "I have an idea!" he ejaculated. "Rather a novel one to be sure—possibly it may not work well; however, I think I will make the trial."

Next morning, a very quaint looking figure appeared in the doorway leading from the store room in the back attic of Judge Hartley's residence, said figure mostly enveloped in a time worn long-skirted soldier overcoat, not omitting cap, belt, and gauntlets.

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"I will tell you on condition that you will never mention it," said Harry.

"Your word is law," she replied. "Thereupon he related his experience in working for the privilege of choosing a wife.

"I really think it is too good to keep," she exclaimed. "Mother has often wondered why the old man never came for his pay."

"Surely, he replied, she would cease to wonder if she only knew he was so selfish as to claim her dear, only daughter for his reward."

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swered, 'and all because of the dear young lady, the good angel she is!'" "Indeed, she is goodness itself," said Mary. "Ye will not find the likes of her the world over!"

A few months later Mrs. Hartley said, "Harry, do you know I used to think you were uncommonly partial to my cousin Fanny?"

"And what if I were?" he inquired. "If you were, then why did you not amure little woodsawyer concurred, you would make the better wife?"

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Inmigrants from Iceland.

From the N. Y. Express.

Seventy-nine Icelanders were among arrivals in the Anchorage Monday. They sailed from Glasgow in company with other immigrants, but at once formed a colony of their own between decks.

"They must have enjoyed themselves immensely," said a cabin passenger to the Express representative. They were quiet and orderly, and attended strictly to their own business. They were unable to converse with any but their own party, as nobody but the captain and steward understood their language.

"I once had a very high opinion of Masonry, but my mind has undergone a change."

"I said to him, 'What has produced that result?'

He responded: "Look at these two Masons; how they talk and treat each other. I once thought Masonry had power over its votaries, and that the tie between them was so strong that all breaches between them could be healed; but I see it is weak like other institutions, and has no vitality."

I said nothing, but determined to test its strength and if it was powerless to accomplish its great mission of peace and harmony, that I should feel my idol had fallen. With this purpose fully matured, I ordered the Secretary to issue summons for all the members of the lodge, giving no reason therefor, nor did I state to any one the purpose of that summons. The appointed time came on. The lodge was fully represented, and all looked anxiously to the East for an explanation. All knew there was no work to do, and regular business could not come up. Both of these belligerent brethren were present.

I arose and said I had called them to test the strength and power of Masonry over its members, and dwelt some time on the importance of unity and brotherly love, and closed by a personal address to these two brothers, reminding them of their mutual vows and duties, and said that I demanded of them both in the presence of God, the ledge, and with their obligations before them, to advance to the altar, one at a time, as they both professed to be Christian men as well as Masons, to kneel at the altar, and there ask their God to enable them to state candidly and carefully the cause of their differences, and to bear in mind that no language unbecoming them and the place they were in would be tolerated; that I held in my hand the emblem of power, and that I would use it promptly if they deviated.

Silence, deep and profound, prevailed.

One of them approached the altar, knelt, remained a few moments in silent devotion, and arose with tears in his eyes. I asked him to proceed, but he was so softened that he had but little to say in accusation of the other and sat down. I called the other to the altar, addressed him softly, kindly, but firmly, and asked him to kneel and offer his prayer before he proceeded. He did so, arose in tears, and had nothing to say criminating the other, spoke kindly and softly, and sat down. I arose and asked them if they could not both advance to the altar, and extend the right hand of friendship, and brotherly love to each other, and bury their animosity so deep that the hand of Resurrection could not resuscitate it? They simultaneously arose, met at the altar, and instead of extending the right hand of friendship, they both advanced to the altar, and the two animals' was naturally not a little galling to the lady, but after turning affairs over in her own mind she discovered a means by which she could fulfil her husband's behests without suffering pecuniary loss to herself. She announced for sale a horse for the sum of five francs and a dog for five hundred. Those who wished to buy the horse were informed that they must also take the dog, and when at length a purchaser for the pair was found, the widow handed over five francs to be delivered among the dead man's family, keeping for herself the five hundred, as the horse which the dog had fetched.

When they were thus standing, I sounded the gavel and called the brethren around the altar and asked them to kneel in a circle with these brothers in the centre. Among the brethren present was a minister peculiarly gifted in extemporaneous prayer. I called upon him to pray, and such a prayer I scarcely ever heard from the lips of mortal man. When he said "Amen," I looked through my tears around, and nearly half the brethren were bowed with their faces to the floor, and all in tears. I stepped back to the East, unceremoniously declared the Lodge closed, and the members commenced grasping hands, and some the necks, and such a scene of rejoicing you seldom see except at an old-fashioned Methodist camp meeting, and all thanked God for the "Power of Masonry."

The brethren thus restored to each other's affections, ever afterward lived in peace, peace and harmony. The game began. At the end of an hour and a half she had possession of the month's wages. The next month the same experience was repeated. In a short time the \$200 had been repaid the gambler, and a fine embroidered lay-out was made by the thrifty wife. Soon after she began to buy diamonds and to invest in stocks. Her plan was to start a faro bank. Accordingly she procured a lay-out.

"Yes, one man has £350, and the others have sums ranging from £200 to £200. They are thrifty, industrious people, who have saved money from fishing, and I guess they're glad they came over, though, of course, the heat is terrible upon them."

"That's true for ye," she replied. "Better come in and warm yourself."

After a few moments the old man concluded to take the girl's advice; not that he really felt the need of the fire, but because it would be the easiest and possibly the only way in which he could accomplish the purpose of his birth. Upon entering the kitchen he found the Irish girl seated near the range, with a hand upon her cheek, while her body rocked to and fro, as if in mortal agony; by a vigorous push with her foot, a chair which stood in close proximity was shoved towards him. This he concluded was an invitation for him to be seated. The rocking continued with unabated zeal, and was seemingly cheered by an occasion at "Oh, dear me!" or a succession of "oh's" the articulation of which formed one prolonged groan. Just after a long spasm of groans, Miss Nellie entered the kitchen from an adjoining room. After bowing politely to the stranger, she said:

"Well, Mary, I see your teeth are troubling you again."

"Sure miss, it's myself they are killing entirely," replied Mary. "Never a bit of ironing shall I be after doing this whole blessed morning."

"I am sorry you are suffering so badly," continued Nellie. "But never mind the ironing; I will take your place at the table while you go, and ask mother for something to cure your pain, and don't come back until you get relief."

Soon after the old man resumed his work, the Irish girl again made her appearance at the woodpile.

"Have you got over the toothache?" he inquired kindly.

"Sure it's all gone entirely," she an-

Masonic.

A Test of the Power of Masonry.

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I have read to-night in the October number of the Voice, from the pen of that old man eloquent, Cornelius Moore, an article headed Masonic Reminiscences? I, too, have reminiscences of the past in Masonry; and although I cannot so graphically describe the scenes, not so forcibly tell of course they must never tell, but they are really one of the charms was the daughter of the president of the First National Bank and the other was an Elkhart banker's child. The two gentlemen friends were informed that the Elkhart bankers' children were the sons of the two observes. A dangerous game for the girls but it was sufficient to captivate the men. The two traveling agents hit the bait and sauntered down the avenue with the darlings. Then a personal history was confidentially imparted. The two gentlemen friends were informed that the First National Bank and the other was the daughter of the president of the First National Bank and the other was an Elkhart banker's child. 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